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Docket No.: P0021544 02

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application No. : 10/653,027

Group Art Unit: 3773

3773

Examiner: Woo, Julian W.

EXHIBIT Title: TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted
i. Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on or about _____

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other

b. Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. Supplemental IDS
iv. Other:

2. A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently.

3. **Fees** (The RCE fee of \$810.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:
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BCE fee required under 3

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).....	\$ 810.00
ii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.....	\$180.00
	TOTAL.....	\$990.00
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Any other fees required to keep this application pending.	

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Respectfully submitted,

Signature

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